GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Possession of Coal Blocks
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal blocks under the possession of various State Governments for generation of power in the country;
(b) whether any State Government has denied possession of coal blocks even after they paid the necessary amounts for coal blocks;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to allot new coal blocks to the States for their own purposes; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Allocation of coal mines / blocks are made under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 as well as Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. The details of coal mines allotted to various State Government Undertakings or their joint venture companies for the end use 'Power' is at the Annexure-1 and Annexure-2.
Further, one coal block namely Trans Damodar has been allocated by way of auction to Durgapur Projects Limited, a State Government company, for the end use 'Power' under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015.
(b) & (c): No State Government has denied possession of coal blocks after paying the necessary amounts for coal blocks. However, Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Ltd. (MPPGCL), which was allotted Gondbahera-Ujheni coal block under the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for the specified end use 'Power' has elected to terminate the Coal Block Development and Production Agreement. Further, in the case of Dahegaon / Makardhokra − IV coal mine, allotted to Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Limited for sale of coal under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, the allotment agreement has been terminated since the allottee had failed to comply with the Allotment conditions.

(d) & (e): Allocation of coal mines / blocks is an ongoing process under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, for which there is a prescribed process, wherein Nominated Authority / Ministry of Coal is required to publish Notice Inviting Applications and make allocations as per the norms specified.
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